

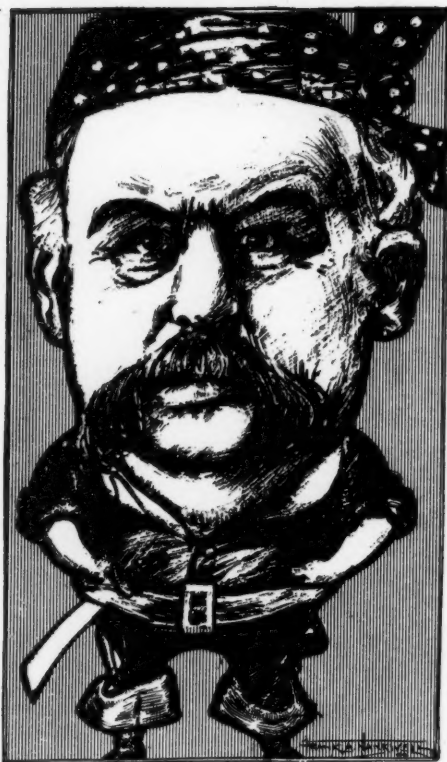


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IN A HOLE;—AND NO "ISSUE."



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THE CORSAIR.

#### A BIG SHORTAGE.

"We are living," remarked the cadaverous, jaundice-faced individual, "in times of tremendous moment. These are the days which Holy Writ had in view when it said there would be wars and rumors of wars. I verily believe the Millennium is almost at hand. But first the world must be purified by fire. All the unrighteous, all the works of man, must perish from the earth. But think of the joy of the first year of this Millennium, after this universal destruction!"

"Gosh!" exclaimed a bucolic listener, "I'll bet times 'll be great. Think of the price wheat 'll bring for a year or two!"

#### QUALIFIED.

FIRST FILIPINO.—When towns are cut off in South Africa information is sent by native runners.

SECOND FILIPINO.—Runners? Say! we could make a small fortune if we were there.

#### A ROORBACK.

POLITICIAN.—These charges are all humbug.

FRIEND.—Can you disprove 'em?

POLITICIAN.—Can I? Why, look here—he says I bowed the knee to Baal, when I don't even know the man!

#### BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

KELLY.—Shure, it wor too bad about th' Oirish Fusileers surrinderin' t' th' domb Dootch, wor n't it?

CASEY.—It wor that—Oi'd hov loiked t' sane thim cut t' p'aces for foightin' for th' domb English!

TWO KINGS in Samoa are now added to the ranks of the unemployed.

AFTER ALL, the childish arguments in behalf of the protective tariff doubtless help to keep up the illusion of infant industries.



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#### AN OPINION.

TRAVELING ACQUAINTANCE.—The farmers favor expansion, don't they?

UNCLE JOSH.—Well, I'll tell ye; they're like most of the folks that has a large family of children—they don't want no more; but, when a new baby comes, they don't want no less.

#### ANGELINE AND I.



ONLY Angeline and I,  
All alone, with no one nigh,  
As we sit beneath the crescent  
Of the rose-screened incandescent;  
And I came to-night prepared to  
Ask the question—if I dared to.  
Not a single soul is by—  
Only Angeline and I.

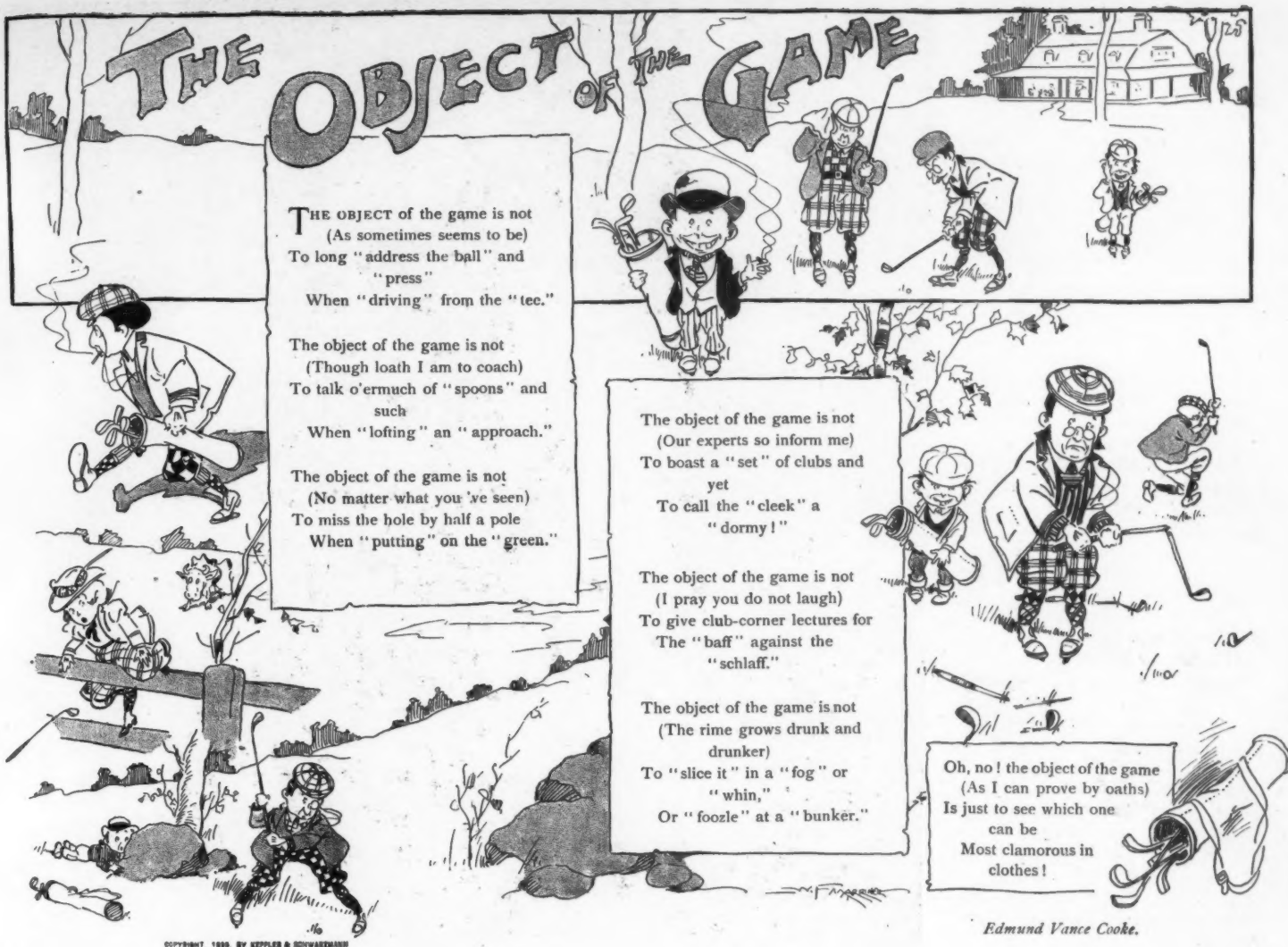
Only Angeline and I!  
But our talk is dull and dry,  
For we chat about the weather—  
Cold and hot;—we wonder whether  
It will rain or keep on pleasant,  
As it promises at present.  
Others would n't be so shy—  
Only Angeline and I.

Only Angeline and I!  
Gracious! how the minutes fly!  
My heart, thumping like a hammer,  
Chokes me when I try to stammer  
Something having some connection  
With the theme of my affection.  
Yet, it's just the time to try—  
Only Angeline and I!

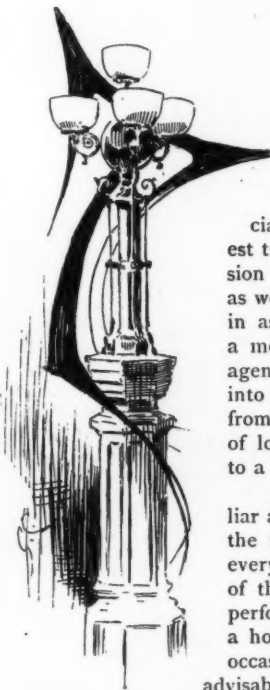
Only Angeline and I!  
Could n't tell, if I should die,  
In what way the ice was broken  
With not even one word spoken.  
True, her eyes a part of this did,  
And another part my kiss did;—  
But who knows the how and why?  
Only Angeline—not I!

Manley H. Pike.





## THE LOBBY LOUNGER.



THE LOBBY LOUNGER is never embarrassed, except financially. In shoes and linen he may be forced to show the encroachments of a financial embarrassment, but he never permits the slightest trace of other embarrassment to enter his expression or manner. This is with him a matter of necessity as well as professional pride. He must not once falter in asking the hotel clerk to be quick and find him a morning paper, or in reviling the theatre ticket-agent for giving him pennies. For, should he lapse into one such act of undue meekness, he must fall from the grace of his calling and into the suspicion of lobby proprietors. A fall into such suspicion leads to a fall out of the lobby.

The avocation of the Lobby Lounge is peculiar and exacting. It demands that he be found in the theatre lobby for one half-hour before and after every performance, and in the hotel lobby the rest of the time. That he buy a ticket and attend the performance is not at all necessary; nor must he be a hotel guest, or even patronize the cigar stand. On occasions, though, the Lobby Lounge considers it advisable to buy an admission ticket or a five-cent box of cigarettes. That is, if he have the price.

The Lobby Lounge eats at free or dairy lunches, sleeps in a hall-bedroom and works, if at all, on a hard and lofty stool; but his lounging must be done on the most gorgeous of settees, in lofty apartments and the exalted atmosphere of fifteen-cent cigars.

His wardrobe may grow threadbare and dwindle to a few articles; but these must include a dress-suit, patent-leather shoes and an opera hat. A pair of gloves, too, are rather necessary, although one may do if held conspicuously in the hand. Ingenious Lobby Loungers dispense with this altogether by holding the hands resolutely in the pocket. A sombrero hat is found extremely effective by Lobby Loungers who are wont to domicile themselves in lobbies where Western senators and mine owners are supposed to congregate. When such Lobby Loungers add

an open vest and sufficient chin-whisker, even the hotel detective has been known to nod to them with some vestige of respect. In like manner at the theatre, Lobby Loungers who have enough native genius to assume the garb faithfully depicted by newspaper supplements as that of the typical Man-about-town, are often favored by the recognition of the silk-hatted autocrat guarding the entrance.

It is in the hotel that the Lobby Lounge must spend the greater part of his time; and here it is, therefore, that he must acquit himself in a manner which will stamp him as a man of consequence and one whom no porter may with temerity molest. This he accomplishes in a manner peculiar to his kind.

Entering the most inviting lobby in town he strides by the questioning bell-boy and straight up to the desk.

"Is Senator Hothyng stopping with you?" he demands in imperious tone.

"He is; but he has just this minute gone out," says the clerk.

"How annoying!" cries the Lobby Lounge, who has met the senator in question as he came in. "It's a most important business, and I am only half an hour late to my appointment with him. When did he say he would be back?"

"In about an hour, sir," replies the clerk, with growing respect. "Will you leave any message or a card?"

"I prefer to wait here a while, and if I don't find him, I wish you would tell him that his old friend, Colonel Morse, called."

"Yes, sir!" returns the clerk; and the Lobby Lounge is thereafter provided with a lobby, as long as Senator Hothyng is in town and does n't happen to meet him and the clerk at the same time.

Such man-ennobling effort, together with the occasional perusal of other peoples' newspapers, occupies the Lobby Lounge continuously, even as he occupies the lobby. Then, he talks with any one who will suffer him, and drinks with any one who will treat him. He goes out of the theatre lobby with the lights, and quits the hotel only when the exigency of sleep demands that he spend some time in his hall-bedroom.

The Lobby Lounge is as useful and not half so ornamental as the gilt that covers his lobby; — but you can get rid of the gilding.

Larkin G. Mead.

THE SARCASTIC SEER.

(A Fable.)



ONCE UPON a Time, the Father of a ten-year-old Boy consulted a Soothsayer to find out what the Future held in store for his Son. After haggling for quite a spell over the Price of peeking into the Subsequent—for he was a Penurious Person—the Gentleman placed a Dollar in the itching palm of the Seer and said, among Other Things:

"My son actually reads Books written for the instruction of Boys, and declares, with every appearance of Truthfulness, that he enjoys them, and—"

"Say no More!" interrupted the Seventh Son of a Seventh Son, for it was indeed He. "I am forced to tell you that if the Lad is such an Accomplished Hypocrite at this Early Age, he will, when he becomes a Man, be the trusted Cashier of a Bank and very prominent in Sunday-school work, and in an Hour when his employers wot not he will Claw the Financial Stuffing out of that there Bank and skip to Canada with it and a merry Tra-la-la-loo!"

"My Goodness!" wailed the visitor, in Great Distress. "Is there no Hope of any other Future for Him?"

"Not at the Price you paid," returned the Soothsayer, with flint-like calmness. "If you had paid me the Two Dollars I asked I'd have made him a Foreign Diplomat with a Pointed Beard and a long and honorable Career before him. I don't furnish Wealth and Honors for less than Two Dollars a Clip, and don't you forget it!—and you, My Friend, are too infernally squeezy to enjoy Good Health."

MORAL.—From this we should Learn better than to get on the Train unless we have a Ticket.

Tom P. Morgan.



PART OF HIS BUSINESS.

SHE.—I met Mrs. Ryder, whom you used to work for, James. She says that you considered her a great judge of horseflesh.

THE HOSTLER.—Well—er—Miss, I had to when I was working for her.

UNTERRIFIED.

HIS WIFE.—The cook threatens to leave.

THE SUBURBANITE (*haughtily*).—Oh! let her leave! We can get somebody else who will stay for a week or two.

WORKING HIM UP TO IT.

MRS. KRAFT.—Oh, yes! I think I'll get the new bonnet I'm after. I gave my husband a wretched dinner last night.

MRS. SWEET.—Gracious! Are you going to starve him into it?

MRS. KRAFT.—Not at all, my dear! There is nothing that so pleases my husband as an opportunity to pose as a martyr.

A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION.

WILLY FODDS.—I could make an engine. First yuh git the whistle, and—

BENNY DODDS.—No, yuh don't! First yuh git the bell, and—

(*They settle the question physically.*)

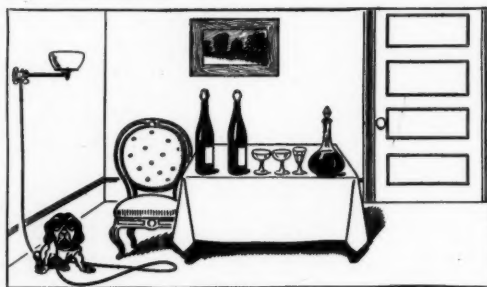
CHRISTMAS EVE.

My childhood's Christmases each brought to me The wondrous glory of a Christmas tree; Now every year, since I've to manhood grown, I buy a tree for children of my own. And so to-night my mind looks back and sees Life a long avenue of Christmas trees.

Carolyn Wells.

OFF IN A BUNCH.

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FIDO.—I wonder why he told me to stay right here by the wall while he was out of the room?

WHAT IT REALLY IS.

MR. GALEY.—I'm going to give a stag party next week.

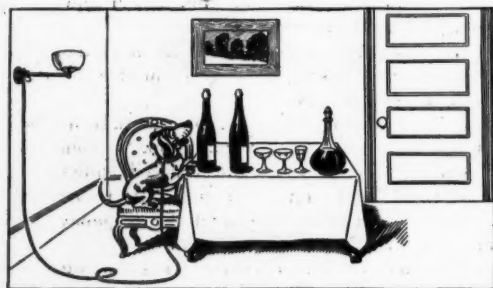
MISS TWINKLER.—"Stag" is an abbreviation of "stagger," is n't it?

THE EXCEPTION.

JOLLIUN.—Dyspepsia, eh? What do you eat?

COLLIUN.—Everything but—er—eatables.

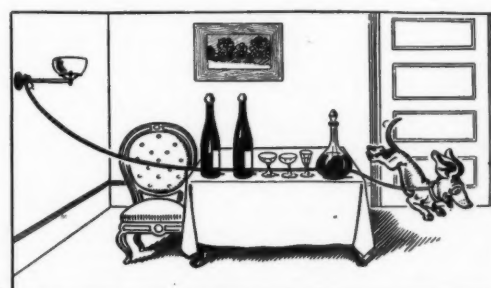
IN THE Millennium (but not before) all the Irish will be Anglomaniacs.



II. "I'm not going to do it, that's all! I'm just going to see what's on that table."

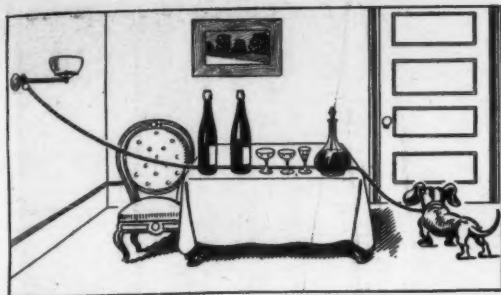


III. "I don't smell anything here worth eating."

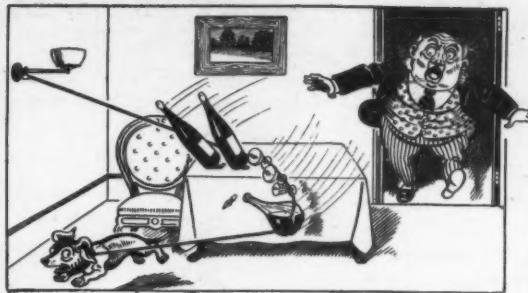


IV. "Guess I'd better get down; he'll be in here soon."





V.  
"Here he comes now!"



VI.  
THE MASTER.—Hi! Get back there to the wall, as I told you.



VII.  
"Ye Gods! The last drop of stuff I had in the house, and the boys will be here in five minutes! Don't talk to me about there being a dog-heaven!"



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#### A STERLING NUISANCE.

I.  
As CHRISTMAS DAY is nearing,  
My spirits fall, alas!  
I know the fate I'm fearing  
Will shortly come to pass.  
When parents, friends and lover  
Their Christmas boxes bring,  
I'll find beneath each cover  
Some little silver thing.

II.  
I've every silver trinket,  
And duplicates beside;  
My bureau! one would think it  
The bureau of a bride.  
But Florence, Ruth and Mabel  
To one tradition cling,—  
For desk or dressing-table  
Some little silver thing.

III.  
They know books give me pleasure,  
They know I'm fond of plates;  
A picture I would treasure,  
I'd like a pair of skates.  
I'll struggle to look pleasant,  
But as I cut the string  
I know I'll find each present  
Some little silver thing.

IV.  
Jack has his gift selected,—  
He says it's small and bright;  
It's something I expected—  
The case is lined with white;  
From what he said, it *could* be  
A pearl and opal ring;  
But, oh! suppose it *should* be  
Some little silver thing?

Carolyn Wells.

#### A WORTHY OBJECT.

THE DAUGHTER.—Don't you think, Mama, it's running a great risk for me to refuse him the first time? He might not ask me again, and you know I must n't let him go.

THE MOTHER.—It is worth risking, my dear, for you will have the satisfaction of referring to the matter every day during your whole married life.

TRYING TO keep up a reputation for being a good fellow has bankrupted many a man.

#### HARD TO FRIGHTEN.

IKEY.—Fader, vot does it mean, "Bevare of der gifts of der Greeks?"

FADER.—Vell, I don't know nodings about der Greeks, but I would be inclined to take chances on der gifts.

#### IN HIS FAVOR.

MAE.—When he attempted to kiss me I slapped his face twice.

RAE.—What did he do, then?

MAE.—Oh! he clinched to avoid punishment!

#### CLASSIFIED.

"He divides tailors into two classes."

"What are they?"

"Those whom he owes money, and those who would n't trust him."

#### ACCOMPLISHED.

HE.—Miss Daintee is a very accomplished girl.

SHE.—Why, she never was known to do anything but say "yes" or "no" when spoken to!

HE.—Yes; but she can eat lettuce without looking as though she were ramming wadding into an old musket!

#### METROPOLITAN NEGLECT.

"Do you like living in the city, Aunt Marietta?"

"No; it's too lonesome. Why, when our new hatrack came, not a soul in the neighborhood came over to try to find out what it cost!"



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#### AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

ELEPHANT.—What did the leopard say about the Christmas punch?

LION.—He said it went to the right spot.

AT THE CONCERT.

"When the leaves—when the leaves—when the l-e-e-aves—," sang the tenor.  
 "What's the matter with him?" inquired the rural citizen of his neighbor. "Can't he remember what comes next?"

SOME ADAPTED FOLK-LORE.

"I suppose," said Jack, "that you amassed all this treasure by robbing the country for miles around?"  
 "No, I did n't," said the two-headed giant, indignantly;  
 "I earned it all honestly as a dime-museum freak."  
 Consequently, Jack spared the giant's life.

AS ONE MIGHT SAY.

"Smith's ideas are always more or less confused."  
 "Yes; he seems to stutter mentally."

MERELY A CONSUMER.

"Civilization has n't done much for the Indian."  
 "Not a great deal. He does n't even produce his own fire-water."

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

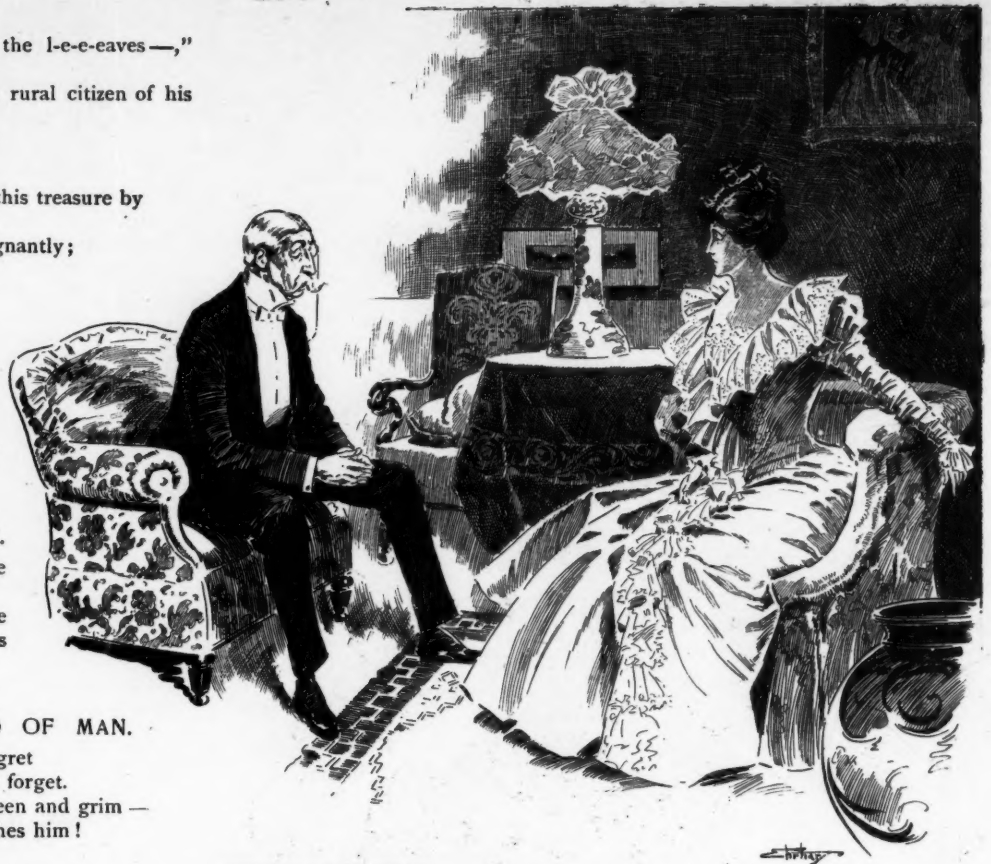
The erring deed I sore regret  
 My neighbor never will forget.  
 Ah, well! beyond—as keen and grim—  
 Another neighbor watches him!

BEYOND THAT.

CLARA.—That Mr. Spooner impresses me as being the most persistent man I ever saw. I told him he could n't kiss me last night, but that did n't make any difference.  
 MAUD.—He kept on trying, did he?  
 CLARA.—He kept on.

ONE OR THE OTHER.

"Stickney Smith seems to have a deep-seated dislike for me."  
 "Why is it?"  
 "I can't remember; he either tried to borrow money of me, or I tried to borrow from him."



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HE LEARNS HER VIEWS.

OLDSBY (*discussing marriage in the abstract*).—Disparity in age does not necessarily result in matrimonial infelicity.  
 MISS RITEOUT.—Oh, no! More frequently it results in a rejected proposal.

A SUBURBAN VERSION.

FIRST SUBURBANITE.—I've heard Jones boast of his flat, but I think what he says should be taken with a grain of salt.  
 SECOND SUBURBANITE.—Or, as one might say, with a grain of quinine.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A CHRISTMAS TALK.

THIS is a brief in the cause of Joy: asserting our right to have and to use the best things of life; and counselling a wise regulation of our impulse to self-sacrifice. We read the other day of a rich young man in St. Louis who had given up his riches, left his luxurious home and gone to live in a tenement where he would "wear the attire expected of those in the poorer districts, cook his own meals and in every way live up to his rigid ideas of self-sacrifice." This heathen belief that the world is normally one of gloom, and that we have no right to any happiness comes to the top in most of us when we think we have grown thoughtful. We are apt to admire such a man and to wish that we, too, had the courage to give up our comfortable homes and sinful luxuries and go to be poor with the poor.

The chief fallacy at play here was born of the Church and has been jealously nursed by her priests. It is that a man's soul is unsafe unless he starves; that his maker has set cunning traps for him in his appetites for life, warmth, form, color and sound—in his impulse to the free self-expression of a child or a flower, in a word; that if he wants a beautiful house to live in, a bath-tub, appetizing food, good clothes, well-bound books, beautiful pictures, music, leisure, the joys of knowledge and of travel, then he is on the straight road to hell. This has never been a race ideal, nor has it truly been the ideal of the Church. It has been merely an ideal that the Church has falsely pretended to hold. Note the Christmas sermons. They come from well-paid ministers, and are listened to for the most part by prosperous strivers after material things: yet they extol poverty as the ideal state. Mark the pathos with which your well-fleshed, well-groomed preacher refers to "him who had not where to lay his head" and who "took no thought for the morrow." He is acting; and his congregation acts when it pretends to sympathize. If you don't believe it, ask him to dinner. After you have fed him have a talk with him. See if he does n't believe that the material things of this wretched life which the poor are warned to shun are pretty desirable things after all. See if he will not avow, without embarrassment, a reasonable attention to his own supply of them. If a man sued him for his coat find out if he would really give up that coat and his overcoat with it, as his Master commands. See if he would actually recommend that course of action to you. The tramp is the only one that holds and achieves this pretended ideal of the Church. And yet the Church has so long dinned it into the ears of the poor that they believe their poverty is fixed by divine decree.

And the church has convinced a good many of us that are not poor. The young man in St. Louis, for example. He believes that the only way to help the poor is to eliminate comfort, beauty and cleanliness from his own life. There is the second fallacy: that you can help a man in any other way than by teaching him to help himself. There are persons who have lost their legs and arms; but we should be in a bad way if we all had our legs and arms cut off in compliment to them. That is what the young man in St. Louis did. This fallacy, however, has been pretty nearly corrected. The impulse to self-sacrifice is close to the front in all of us; but experience has shown that its exercise is vain all but once in a thousand times. Make it plain, for example, that humanity's social or spiritual salvation would be achieved thereby and you would n't be able to house the victims that would offer themselves for sacrifice. We could go out from PUCK office over to Broadway, in this Christmas week of 1899, and find you thirty men in thirty minutes who would go on the cross tomorrow, gladly giving their bodies to be crucified—if only you could make it plain that the sacrifice would avail anything. But it does n't. It's the school-boy's trick of breaking his slate to be rid of his task.

The St. Louis young man was of more value to the world when he was rich than now when he is poor. We need living men more than dead ones: and by the same token we need rich men more than poor ones: that is,

the poor must be made rich and only themselves can do it. The poor man needs the example of the rich man. He does n't need any one to show him how to be poor. He knows how only too well. He needs to be taught not to endure his poverty in the hope of heaven, but to rebel against it. He must be taught, not that he offends his maker by wanting, but that he offends Him by *not* wanting. He needs to be made dissatisfied and bound to have. Dying for him, or cutting off one's hand for him can not help him. He betters his condition only as his wants prod him. Trust him to find the way when they prod sharply enough. The St. Louis young man would have done better to show that wealth may be made profitable to the soul. He would better have taught the poor man to expand instead of to become fixed and callous. He could have taught him to see that there is a fair good world outside of his poverty, and that he should not rest until he gains it; that he should look every appetite of his mind and body squarely and cordially in the face, knowing it to be good; he could have taught the poor man that he was made to rejoice—and that it lies with him to find the material wherewith to do it.

And, so, remember this Christmas that you are doing a good work if you do no more than be honestly joyous with the good things of life that have come to you. You will do more for the world so than by stupefying the poor man with free soup. If he had not been fed so much free soup he would have more soup of his own to-day.

HIS VIEW.

FIRST POPULIST.—They say bread in Kimberley is sellin' at three shillin's a loaf.

SECOND POPULIST.—It must be aggravatin' to have sich a state of affairs an' not be able to blame it on a Trust.



A CLEVER PROFESSOR.

MR. JOHNSON.—Dat phrenologist am a very clevah fellow! He tole me dat mah bump ob honesty was de biggest he evah saw!

MRS. JOHNSON.—Yes; and den he bit de silvah dollah yo' gib him to see if it was a good one!



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# OUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

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## MR. J. BULL UNIONJACK'S LETTER TO LONDON.

ON WAR RUMORS.

"BEDAD!" said Mulligan, "if thim Boers thought thot be cuttin' tillygraph woires they cud kape the public from gettin' information about the war they med the mistake av their loives. 'T was little they knowed about the resposces av our newspaper min. Faith, 't is whin a place is cut off thot the news from it gets to be both plintiful an' ixsoitin'. Whin the war correspondent

knows thot there 's little or no chanst of a dull an' tame official rayport comin' over the woires to contrahdict him he prosaydes to shtartle the public wit' tillygr-rams loike these:

"It is raypor-rted on the aut'ority av a pr-rominint Kaffir, who is an intimate fr'end av Gin'ral Buller, thot the Br-ritish plan av campaign will be as follows." An' he conducts ye in imagination over the map. "Yer correspondent was tould yisterday be a well-known Basuto who enj'ys the confidence of Sor Alfr-red Milner, thot the Basutos riz ag'n' the Boers last Chewsda' an' defayed the bur-rghers wit' a loss av twinty t'ousand min an' sixtane guns." "A hitherto reloiabie pigeon arroived on Monda' wit' the impor-tant news thot the R'yal Oirish Fusileers, now hild as pr-isoners, is bein' thrayted wit' the most horrible bar-barity. The Boers rade the Boible to thim mor-ning' an' evenin' an' insist on thim sayin' their pr-prayers an' attindin' ixpayrience meetin's; long sarmons ar-re prayched at thim be Oom Paul an' others on Sunda' an' Frida' noights, an' 't is aiven rumored thot a dasthardly attimpt has been med to take up a collection among thim. The news av these outrages has caused the gr-reatest ixsoitemint 'in Oireland, an' the payple av thot counthry ar-re paradin' the shtrates shoutin' 'Raymimber Majuby!' an' cheerin' for the Quane an' Joe Chamberlain an' Gin'ral Buller, an' r-rushin' aigerly to enlist to cr-rush the barbarious Boers." "A Zulu whose intigr-ity is beyant quischun shtated to yer correspondint thot ivery mule in the Br-ritish ar-rmy is ki'kin', an' it is belayved thot the raison is thot they raysint bein' held responsible for the disasther av Nicholson's Nek." "The Boertheasury is in a state av collapse. A native liar—Oi shud say runner—has arroived wit' the infor-mation thot the dr-rains on the Boer finances fr-rom havin' to boord an' lodge the Br-ritish pr-isoners is somethin' thriminjus. Kruger tould this native thot the way thim Oirish cud ate cor-rned beef an' cabbage was dhroivin' him to despair, an', wit' wan thing an' another, he cud n't hould out much longer."

"There was har-rd foight-in' at Leddysmith yisterday, but the fr'endship bechune Gin'ral Joubert an' Gin'ral Whoite is gr-rowin' day be day. 'T is said thot wan mornin' lasht wake, whin Gin'ral Whoite did't resayve his usual plisint an' gintlemanly letther fr-rom Gin'ral Joubert he bekem worrid an', thinkin' there moight be somethin' wr-rong wit' his aged fr'end, he sint a flag av thruce to inquoire about his health. Gin'ral Joubert thin apologized for the delay an' explained thot he had been so busy bangin' away at Gin'ral Whoite, in the cool av the mornin', wit' a new Kr-rupp gun thot he jist got the lind av fr-rom Oom Paul, thot he raly did n't have toime to wroite; but he wisht Gin'ral Whoite cud see his way clear to tek dinner wit' him on Thursda' avenin'. Gin'ral Whoite rayploid thot he cud n't see his way clear—so many av his fr'ends had lost their way in the neighborhood



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## A REDEEMING FEATURE.

THE AUDIENCE.—And when they finish I'll have to tell them how fine it was! Marry, 't would be an uncomfortable world an' it were not full of good-natured hypocrites!

thot he wud n't loike to take chances—but he thanked Gin'ral Joubert koinldy jist the same. An' thin the bombar-rdmint prosayded, to the gr-reat amusement av both par-rties."

"Another truthful naygur has come in wit' the intilligence thot a new

force av for-rtly thousand Boers is on the mar-rch from the north-wist or the south-aist or some other p'int av the compass, mar-rchin' wit' their bibles in wan hand an' tearin' up railroad-thracks with the other." "Another rayloi'ble black man shtates thot the Roosh-ans has arroived an' attacked Gin'ral Buller in the rear." "'T is said thot tin thousand Br-ritish throops has been pisened by atin' embalmed beef. They will be berrid to-morra wit' mili-tary honors." "Proivateers, armed be the Boers, has captured six throopships an' four cruisers." "There 's a raypor-rt from London thot the war poets have organized thimsilves into a rigimint an' will shtart for the front at wanst. If there 's too many for a rigimint they will make it a br-rigade."

"Oh, yis! Gin'ral Joubert may think he 's a purty shmart ould man, but if he wants to cut off the news he 'll have to bottle up the Kaffirs, pigeons, rayporters an' editors, as well as the sojers. 'T is a bigger job nor he can handle."

"By the way, Mulligan," said I, "I don't hear any-thing of that Irish corps thot was going to fight for the Transvaal."

"Well," said Mulligan, "ye know ye're suppr-ress-in' a great dale av news. May be yer War Depar-rt-mint don't want to discour-age ye be lettin' ye know the deshtruction thot corpse is doin'. May be 't was thim thot ran up ag'in' the R'yal Oirish. If it was, bedad! Oi 'll wager it was a purty foight."



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## COMPARATIVELY FORTUNATE.

MRS. GROGAN.—Yis; Honora Gallagher is finally married! She did n't exactly do well; but, thin, she might hov done worse!

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MISS KOSTEEK.—The motto? Oh! something appropriate, I'm sure, if you selected it.

MISS ANTEEK.—Yes; it was one that kept running through my head while he was proposing. Can't you guess?

MISS KOSTEEK.—"Better late than never?"

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WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

FIRST WAITER.—Do yo' know some folks is discussin' de question ob abolishin' tips?

SECOND WAITER.—Wal, I reckon dey ain't discussin' it in de hearin' ob de waitahs!

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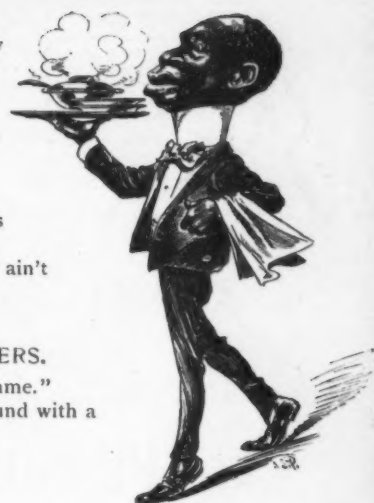
"Jones is always ready for a poker game."

"Yes; he may be said to travel around with a poker chip on his shoulder."

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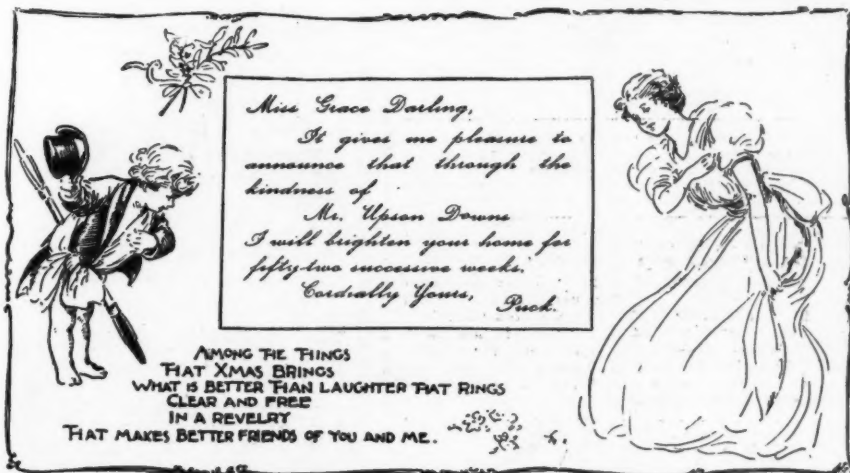


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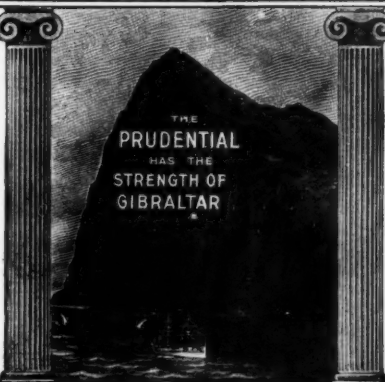
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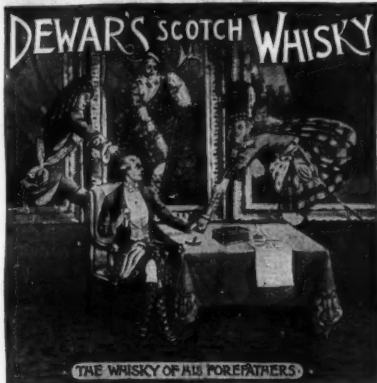
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## WHAT SHALL WE GIVE HIM?

**O**F ALL the maddening thoughts that surge through the weary Christmas shopper's brain, none is so persistently torturing as the one which heads this helpful little article. The shops offer an unending variety of gifts for womankind, and the magazines tell how to fashion dainty presents from a bit of this and a bit of that; but mankind is neglected. Of course, the married man is made supremely happy by the inevitable misfit slippers, the marked-down neckties, and the pantosote-wrapped cigars. It is the bachelor friend, relative or lover, whose case presents the trying problem that we shall now proceed to solve.

A very decorative present, and one sure to be appreciated by a man, is a pipe-rack. They may be purchased for a moderate sum, but how much more Harry or Tom will think of one made by your fair hands! The making is very simple. Take a common wooden ruler and make holes through it every two inches. This can be done by heating your curling-irons red-hot and pressing the end of them against the ruler at the six points indicated. Cut out of an old pasteboard shoe-box two right-angled triangles, with bases exactly the width of the ruler. Fasten a triangle upon either end of the ruler, so that it may be attached to the wall with pins. Now gild the entire rack and fasten a bow of blue ribbon at each end. Run the stems of six clay pipes downward through the holes of the rack, and the present is complete. What an air of luxury and home-comfort such a gift will add to any man's room!

Another inexpensive article may be constructed from a soap-box, some old wall paper and a towel. Make some flour paste and paper the box inside and out. On the front of the box paint "Old Friends," in black ink. Sneak up to the young man's room before he comes home Christmas Eve, and nail the box, motto out, to the floor, and against the wall. Now nail the towel on the wall, immediately above the box, and your work is done. When Clarence returns he will see at a glance that some one who cares for him has made him a lovely shoe-box. And, with a little practice, he will be able to sit on the edge of his bed and kick off his shoes so that they will strike the towel and fall straight into the handsome receptacle.

Another unique gift may be fashioned from an ordinary coal-scuttle. Cleanse the scuttle thoroughly and paint it pink on the outside and a pale yellow within. Around the edge glue a strip of old lace. Gild a five-foot piece of clothes-line; tie one end of it to the handle of the scuttle, concealing the knot with a rosette of lace, and to the other end fasten a gilt hook. By means of a screw-eye in the ceiling of Howard's room this beautiful present may be suspended by the aforesaid rope. As man is denied woman's intuition, you would better tell Howard that this is intended for handkerchiefs and gloves. He will certainly be pleased both with the usefulness and the novelty of the contrivance. Of course, it will be an ornament to any room.

If you are in love with a young man whose affections seem to stray, make him a "Remember Calendar." Buy a good-sized daily calendar, having large blank spaces for memoranda. Under each date carefully letter some good advice. For example:

- JAN. 1.— "It is not good that the man should be alone." — *Gen., II, 18.*
- JAN. 2.— "Every moment  
I'm from thy sight, the heart within my bosom  
Moans like a tender infant in its cradle  
Whose nurse has left it." — *Otway's "Venice Preserved."*
- JAN. 3.— "There's not an hour  
Of day or dreaming night but I am with thee." — *Procter's "Mirandola."*
- JAN. 4.— "Maidens in modesty say 'No' to that  
Which they would have the profferers construe 'Aye'." — *Shakespeare.*
- JAN. 5.— "A wife! Ah, gentle deities! can he  
Who has a wife, e'er feel adversity?" — *Pope.*

Additional quotations, likely to exert a good influence upon the young man's mind, will occur to you. It will be as well not to spend your time and thought filling in any dates after January fifteenth; for, if he does n't see the folly of bachelorhood by that time, you'd better start another calendar for some one else.

These few ideas will, doubtless, suggest others equally appropriate and acceptable to men; and you will be well repaid for your labor, — for the recipient of any one of these lovely presents will never forget the donor as long as he lives!

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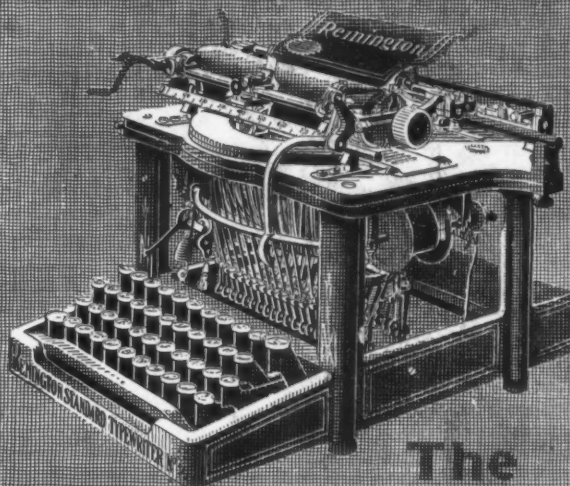
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